

Remarks

This is in response to the Election/Restriction requirement mailed May 26, 2006. In the requirement for Election/Restriction, the Examiner required election to prosecute the claims directed at one of the following species:

- I FIGS. 27a-b, 29-30, relating to claims 1-11, 23-39, 79, and 80
- II FIGS. 49-53, relating to claims 12-22 and 40-57
- III FIGS. 41-43, relating to claims 58-67
- IV FIGS. 9a-b, and 15-18, relating to claims 68-73
- V FIGS. 54-61, relating to claims 74-78

Applicants herein elect to prosecute species II, shown in FIGS. 49-53, with claims 12-22 and 40-57 being readable thereon.

In a preliminary amendment filed with the application, claims 23-78, including claims 40-57 readable on the elected species, were cancelled. However, in view of Examiner's Election/Restriction requirement, the application has been amended to include new claims 81-89, generally encompassing the subject matter of originally filed claims 40-57. Accordingly, no new matter is believed entered.

By this response, new claims 81-89 have been added. However, previously pending claims 1-11 and 79-80, including 5 independent claims and 13 total claims, have been cancelled. Accordingly, the present amendment is not believed to add any additional independent claims, or increase the total number of claims, relative to the previous version. Therefore, no additional claim fees are believed necessitated by this response. However, in the event of any fee deficiencies, or that additional fees are payable, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-2121 as necessary.

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